

# NEBRASKA BOARD OF NURSING

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

January 8, 2026

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Nebraska Board of Nursing was called to order by Brenda Smidt, Board President, at 8:30 a.m., January 8, 2026, at the Best Western Plus Conference Room, 2201 Wildcat Circle, Lincoln NE 68521. Copies of the agenda were emailed to the Board members and to interested parties on December 30, 2025, posted in the east entryway of the Nebraska State Office Building on December 30, 2025, and posted on the Department of Health & Human Services website on December 30, 2025. Smidt announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available in the room.

### **ROLL CALL**

The following board members were present and answered roll call:

- Holly Chandler, APRN-CRNA
- Theresa Delahoyde, RN, *Board President*
- Mary Guthrie, *Public Member*
- Clay Jordan, RN
- Kandis Lefler, LPN
- Patricia Motl, RN
- Eric Rogat, RN
- Kristin Ruiz, RN
- Jules Russ, *Public Member*
- Brenda Smidt, RN, *Board Vice-President*

The following board members were absent: Kathy Harrison, RN, and Angela Kula, LPN.

The following staff members from the Department and the Attorney General's Office were present during all or part of the meeting:

- Ann Oertwich, RN, *Executive Director*
- Danielle Dohrmann, RN, *Nursing Practice Consultant*
- Sherri Joyner, *Health Licensing Coordinator*
- Jessie Enfield, *DHHS IT Systems Analyst*
- Teresa Delahoyde, *DHHS Legal*
- Mindy Lester, *Assistant Attorney General*
- Jeanne Burke, *Assistant Attorney General*
- Andrea Cramer, RN, *Investigator*
- Susan Held, *Investigator*
- Tricia Allen, *Investigations Program Manager*

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Lefler made the motion, seconded by Chandler, to adopt the agenda for the January 8, 2026, Board of Nursing meeting.

Voting Yes: Chandler, Delahoyde, Guthrie, Jordan, Lefler, Motl, Rogat, Ruiz, Russ, and Smidt. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Harrison and Kula. Motion carried.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Nursing on February 12, 2026.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Motl made the motion, seconded by Delahoyde, to approve the consent agenda.

Voting Yes: Chandler, Delahoyde, Guthrie, Jordan, Lefler, Motl, Rogat, Ruiz, Russ, and Smidt. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Harrison and Kula. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Delahoyde, for the Board to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing and discussing investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals.

Voting Yes: Chandler, Delahoyde, Guthrie, Jordan, Lefler, Motl, Rogat, Ruiz, Russ, and Smidt. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Harrison and Kula. Motion carried.

Smidt announced that the Board was in closed session for the purpose of reviewing and discussing investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals.

8:33 a.m. *Meeting went into closed session.*

10:12 a.m. *Meeting returned to open session. Meeting went into recess.*

10:28 a.m. *Meeting reconvened.*

**LICENSURE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board made no motions for licensure applications.

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF BOARD MEETINGS**

**MOTION:** Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Motl, for the Board continue to notify the public of its meetings by posting an agenda in the east entrance of the Nebraska State Office Building, posting the agenda on the Department's website, and emailing the agenda to an interested parties list.

Voting Yes: Chandler, Delahoyde, Guthrie, Jordan, Lefler, Motl, Rogat, Ruiz, Russ, and Smidt. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Harrison and Kula. Motion carried.

**PRACTICE COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Dohrmann reported that the Practice Committee plans to meet monthly for the next six months to review and update advisory opinions. Dohrmann also gave a presentation on committee options that the Board might consider in preparation for the consolidation of the APRN Board with the Board of Nursing in July 2026. She noted that when the Board changes from twelve members to fifteen members, the Board's current practice of having one-half of the membership serve on the Practice Committee and the other half serve on the Education Committee would no longer be feasible because a quorum of members should not be present at a committee meeting. Dohrmann said the Board has an opportunity to set up new committee structures which could include experts who are not Board members.

Oertwich recommended creating charters for each committee that would formalize how members are assigned to the committee and what the committee's responsibilities are. She suggested that participation in a committee could be optional for the Board's public members. Other items to consider include meeting frequency and member qualifications. Dohrmann said she would send a PowerPoint to Board members and that they could discuss ideas for new committee structures at the Board's February meeting.

## **JOINT BOARD COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL SPAS**

The Joint Board Committee on Medical Spas is editing its statement on retail IV therapy services. Dohrmann said that there are many activities performed in hospitals, home health, and other settings that can be misconstrued as compounding, and that the mixing of substances at a med spa is not necessarily true compounding. Hampton said that true compounding can only be done by a licensed pharmacist, pharmacist intern, or a physician with a dispensing practitioner license in accordance with USP standards. Dohrmann said she did not want a nurse at a critical access hospital to think that adding B12 to TPN was compounding.

Members noted a distinction between what nurses in hospitals are doing and what is occurring at IV therapy spas where consumers order from a menu of options. Smidt added that immediate-use compounding in hospitals often involves pharmacy staff who can advise on drug interactions.

Smidt also noted that while USP 797 allows for three different products to be combined for immediate use compounding, a bag that already contains three products might be sent to the emergency room, for example, where the nurse is told that she can add two more products.

Dohrmann reported that Ohio has created a public announcement for consumers on what they should look for when patronizing IV therapy spas. She suggested that Nebraska might issue its own public announcement.

Hampton noted that there are clinics associated with compounding pharmacies who seem to prescribe compounded medications even when non-compounded alternatives are available. Another problem arises when practitioners give patients syringes that are pre-filled with compounded medications without advising patients that the medication must be administered within a certain time limit. Hampton said compounded medications are useful when there is a shortage, when the medication is no longer manufactured, or when it is only available in a route that the patient cannot use. Otherwise, the general advice is to use an FDA-approved drug.

## **NCSBN UPDATES**

Motl reported that NCSBN's International Center for Regulatory Scholarship (ICRS) will end its certificate program at the end of the year. NCSBN is reorganizing the certificate program into another format.

Motl reported that the NCSBN MidYear Meeting is scheduled for March 17-19, 2026, in Phoenix, Arizona. Items to be covered during the meeting include revisions to model rules and reorganization of the ICRS. Motl, Oertwich, and Smidt plan to attend. Anyone else interested in attending should contact Oertwich. Funding can often be obtained from NCSBN to cover the registration fees and travel expenses of 2-4 additional members.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Nursing News – Oertwich reported that the deadline for submitting items for the next edition of *Nursing News* is in two weeks.

Center for Nursing Updates – Oertwich had no updates on the status of the Nebraska Center for Nursing.

Staff Updates – Oertwich reported that April Minster has accepted the Nursing Education Consultant position and will start on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **APRN COMPACT**

Oertwich reported that NCSBN is working on a revised version of the APRN Compact. This would be the third or fourth revision of the proposed compact, which has not been adopted by enough states to go into effect. Barriers to adoption of the current version include 1) opposition from states where the compact

would grant APRNs greater practice and prescription authority than allowed by that state's laws, and 2) opposition from APRN groups who object to the requirement that APRNs have 2,080 practice hours in order to qualify for a multistate license. The planned revision would eliminate the 2,080-hour requirement, but keep other requirements for a multistate status, such as graduation from an accredited, graduate-level program and no felony convictions. The planned revision would also require APRNs with multistate licenses to comply with the practice and prescription laws of the state where they are practicing. Oertwich said that drafting the revised APRN Compact will occur throughout 2026, but it will likely not be voted on until NCSBN's 2027 Annual Meeting. Chandler asked if APRN professional organizations will be able to see drafts of the Compact at the same time drafts are made available to boards of nursing.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Oertwich read an entry in the WebEx chat submitted earlier by Erin Pemberton, who commented that guidelines on compounding and immediate-use compounding would be useful.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Joyner  
Health Licensing Coordinator